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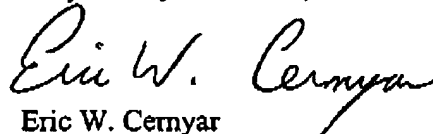
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STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

In his March 23, 2003, Office Action, the Examiner allowed claims 1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 9-20, and 22 of the Application. Claims 23-60 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by the published PCT application to Connolly (WO 97/22323).

REMARKS

The Applicants thanks the Examiner for the allowance of claims 1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 9-20, and 22, of the Application.

On May 8, 2002, the specification was amended by adding not only claims 23-60, but also a claim for priority to the PCT application to Connolly (PCT/IE96/00087; WO 97/22323) and the Irish application on which it is based. To perfect the claim for priority, on July 16, 2002, the signed supplemental declaration of Una Connolly, on behalf of her deceased husband, was submitted, along with a 37 C.F.R. § 1.47 petition to accept Una Connolly's inventorship declaration.